

Hingtgen, Robert J

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Mr. Robert Hingtgen,

Our family resides and volunteers in the Boulevard community, where Soitec and many other large projects are planned. We understand that you'd like to receive different comments since you've "heard them all", so we are going to try to make this different and try to give you the opinions of local service providers who can not state their opinions publicly.

We helped found the Real East County Fire Safe Council. We are very much committed to our communities and know the facts about CalFire and Fire Authority. Publicly, the fire service providers do not want everyone to know that their stations are not career staffed 24/7. Boulevard's fire station in 2013 was completely unmanned 135 days. Not only is this misleading to your reports about fire safety or the reassurance of fire protection, it also hurts the home owners. This is because the insurance companies are aware that the stations are not career staffed 24/7. We are already in a low income area with high unemployment rates and a lot of seniors. There are a number of foreclosures in our area all the time, as well as plummeting property values. This project will not help a single resident towards getting consistent insurance coverage or securing them fire insurance at all. According to regulations, fires in electrical areas have to be left to burn as it is too dangerous to fight them. More projects give less room for fighting wildfires.

The frequent high winds can exceed 70 mph. We have to tie everything down that we own. According to Soitec, these panels can only handle 35 mph. This is a danger to residents and to the fire fighters that protect us.

As for Border Patrol, agents have stated that the fencing deters them from going into property and illegal immigrants can use those properties for hiding. The Border Patrol's infrared doesn't work in that situation since they are based on heat. The border crossing numbers have been high. The Tierra Del Sol property is known as an illegal drug dealing site.

We volunteer with Mountain Empire Health/Collaborative in many different facets. There are currently 9 different food pantries, monthly, feeding the people in our area. These projects will not be bringing any local jobs to an area with high unemployment. There's many reasons that they won't, such as, the people in this area would not be qualified for the kind of jobs offered, there is a huge drug and alcohol problem, our sexual predator population is going up due to the area having cheap housing and a low population, etc. What we're getting at is that Soitec admits they are building these projects on government subsidies. They've also admitted that there are deals with the County, but they won't tell us what they are. Most likely, these deals probably include tax breaks and exemptions. Our community relies on grants and taxes to put together programs to help the seniors, children, the addicted, etc. Since we don't have systems in place (and will never have if the area continues to just draw industrial projects which take the focus off of the people), we need these monies to support our communities.

Our roads are inadequate now and rarely maintained. Bringing in these projects tears the roads up even more. The projects claim that the highly increased traffic will not further damage our substandard roads. It is common sense that extensive repairs will need to be made after such heavy use.

We may not be water professionals, but it's pretty obvious that water is a concern as the Governor has issued water warnings. The locals rely on wells to supply their water and the projects are not offering them any

guarantees that they will help them if the projects ruin their wells. These people have no recourse to fight back if something does happen.

We've heard rumors that the developer plans on building a community center. A meeting place is definitely a need in the Boulevard area, but to have a building that will need to be manned, maintained, etc., it could just become abandoned. There has to be something put into place to sustain the building. I think the developers need to look at what can be good for the community. Something to give a return to the community, such as a guarantee for our property values and wells and that our fire stations can have 24/7 career staffing and our Sheriff department be funded to have more Sheriffs on duty.

We support the choice of no project, because we do not see how this beneficially impacts the lives and economy of the local communities. If there is a huge fire disaster up here, no one would be able to get fire insurance and the County will be liable.

The Daubach Family